

fully, and you may think it advisable to request him to meet with you in committee.

We are willing to do whatever you may determine on, and would much rather take up Beren's River than have no mission. We might be doing good, although not on so large a scale. But we do think that the Church is well able to furnish the means of carrying out such a mission as we purpose at Fort Pitt, if once fairly brought into working order: but again we say, rather begin on a small scale than not at all.

If we think of any thing further, I may send you a supplemental sheet next week. Meantime praying that the Great Master will Himself direct you in this solemn and important matter, and with kindest regards to your household, in all which Mr. Black joins with me,

I am yours most sincerely,
JAMES NISBET.

LATER INTELLIGENCE FROM RED RIVER.

RED RIVER SETTLEMENT, Sept. 2, 1864.

REV. R. F. BURNS, ST. CATHERINES, C. W.

MY DEAR BROTHER.—In my letter of the 19th August, I partially promised to follow it with a supplement, and this communication is designed as a continuation of our joint thoughts on the subject of your proposed mission.

We are quite aware of the responsible position we occupy, and we desire to give our opinion in the most full and deliberate way possible. You will understand then that we have made this the subject of much enquiry, much deliberation, and much prayer. It would be a life-long grief to us if any word or action of ours should have the effect of giving a wrong direction to the energies of the Church.

The first that occurs to me is, more fully to state our reasons for the neighbourhood of Fort Pitt as a field for missionary operations.

These reasons may be summoned up as follows. 1. The McKenzie River district is being cared for. Archdeacon Hunter has assured us that the Church Missionary Society intends to prosecute the work in that quarter to the full extent of its ability.

2. Accessibility. Fort Pitt can be reached from the Red River Settlement, by carts in summer, (and also by water,) and by sleds in winter, and hence constant communication could be had with the Mission, and help could be sent from the congregations here that would be of no avail at such a distance as the McKenzie River.

3. Connected with the foregoing reason is the fact that Fort Pitt is on the highway to the gold districts, and if ever we have a mission there, missionaries and other friends passing to and fro could visit the mission by the way.

4. The expense will be less at Fort Pitt than in the Northern districts, inasmuch as the cost of freight from the settlement will not be one-half the amount, and likewise a greater variety of supplies must necessarily be sent to the north.

5. Little, comparatively, has yet been done for the Indians of the plains. It is true that they are a wilder, more intractable race than the Indians of the woods, or in the north, but being quite accessible to traders there is no reason to believe that they will not be even more accessible to missionaries designated specially to them, and who shall be always among them.

6. The friends with whom we have consulted, and who know the Indian country well, favour Fort Pitt as being the most suitable locality at least to begin with.

You may think it strange that so many horses, and oxen, and dogs should be required in connection with a mission. The reasons are such as these:

1. To follow the Indians in summer or winter hundreds of miles must be travelled and the missionary must have at least one man with him, besides his